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1. Demonstration of IBM Random Access Memory Accounting Computer at Navy Supply Center, Norfolk, Virginia 16 November 1956, proved to be most worthwhile. Was accompanied by Messrs. [REDACTED], Comptroller's Office; [REDACTED], Office of Personnel; and [REDACTED], Office of Logistics. The consensus of opinion was that this machine could be advantageously applied to the Agency's supply, fiscal and personnel accounting problems. Steps are now being taken to make feasibility studies in these areas. The requirements of the Office of Logistics will be determined first.

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2. Development phase for applying Flexowriters for automatically preparing Forms 50, and 52 and automatically producing the punched - cards required for Personnel statistical and accounting, has been completed. Orders for the necessary equipment were placed with the manufacturers. Work will be continued in completing the writing of operating procedures and determining type of accessory equipment to be obtained.

3. Met with officials of the IBM Corporation in New York on 20 November 1956 to obtain information relative to IBM's plans for future development of electronic data processing equipment. Was made acquainted with a highly classified company development of a new concept of memory storage which holds great promise for solving some of the Agency's documentation problems. Made arrangements to see a prototype of this system after 1 January 1957.

Other business machine manufactures such as Remington-Rand, Burroughs, National Cash Register, etc. are being requested to furnish us with information relative to their future development plans.

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